

**July 30, 2001**

**After a wonderful visit in Kalamazoo, MI with our friends Margene and Bob Fuller, we started on our way to Detroit. Wending our way through central Michigan was a delight! Picturesque small farms dotted the rolling countryside. They were all so neat and proper, like in a storybook. Yes, they were growing corn, but also other crops like soybeans.**

**We stopped in a beautiful Thousand Trails Preserve close to St. Clair, MI. We were there for three days while we drove into Detroit to see the Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.**

**The idyllic comparisons ended as you enter into the area of Detroit! Highway 94 becomes a terrorist attack on your automobile. It is possibly one of the worst highways in the country. It is under repair but I think the cold and ice in the winter is winning. The driving aces almost equal the drivers in LA. The trucks make up the difference.**

**Speaking of trucks, I had a conversation with a driver about the trucks here. I have never seen trucks with as many tires on them, as in this state. It turns out that this state allows the most weight to be loaded on a truck**



**than any other state. Trucks that operate only in Michigan can carry a maximum of 164,000 lbs. Compare this with 80,000 lbs in California. They have up to 22 sets of duals on them. 44 tires!**

**This might have something to do with the condition of the roads in this state!**

**Dave and Bonnie**